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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein  $R_1$  is phenyl.
3. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said solvent comprises an alcohol, an alkyl alkanoate, a ketone, or an ether.
4. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said solvent is an alkyl alcohol having 1 to about 5 carbon atoms.
5. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said alkyl alcohol is isopropanol.
6. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said acid resolving agent is a derivative of D-tartaric acid.
7. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said acid resolving agent is a tartaric acid derivative having formula  $\text{HO}_2\text{CCH}[\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}_3]\text{CH}[\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}_3]\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  wherein each  $\text{R}_3$ , independently, is aryl having 6 to about 28 carbon atoms or aralkyl having 7 to about 28 carbon atoms.
8. (Previously presented) The process of claim 7 wherein  $\text{R}_3$  is aralkyl having 7 to about 28 carbon atoms.
9. (Previously presented) The process of claim 6 wherein said acid resolving agent is dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid.
10. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 further comprising reacting said *d-threo* acid salts with aqueous base to form said *d-threo* piperidine acetamide.
11. (Previously presented) The process of claim 10 further comprising reacting said *d-threo* piperidine acetamide with an alcohol having 1 to about 5 carbon atoms in the presence of acid to form a *d-threo* piperidine acetate.
12. (Previously presented) The process of claim 15 wherein said *d,l-threo* piperidyl acetamide stereoisomers are prepared by reacting a pyridine having formula: